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SUBJECT: CODEL HARRIS. Trip to Europe of House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

TO: ~~BERN~~ (for info), GENEVA (for info),
AMSTERDAM, BONN, SUCARHST, BUDAPEST, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, HELSINKI,
LONDON, MOSCOW, MUNICH, OSLO, PARIS, PRAGUE, SALZBURG, STOCKHOLM,
VIENNA. ROME (For info)

Reference: Deptel 108 to Copenhagen, 284 Stockholm, 218 Oslo,
10 Amsterdam, regarding hotel reservations for CODEL.

Twelve members of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce plan to depart the United States on October 8 for Europe and to return to the United States about November 1. Included in the group are the following:

Rep. Oren Harris (D., Ark.), Chairman of the group
Rep. F. Eitel Carlyle (D., N.C.)
Rep. John Bell Williams (D., Miss.)
Rep. Peter F. Mack, Jr. (D., Ill.)
Rep. Morgan M. Moulder (D., Mo.)
Rep. Walter Rogers (D., Tex.)
Rep. Charles A. Wolverton (R., N.J.)
Rep. Joseph P. O'Hara (R., Minn.)
Rep. James I. Doolittle (R., Iowa)
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Rep. John W. Haselton (R., Mass.)
Rep. Richard W. Hoffman (R., Ill.)
Rep. Steven B. Dermanian (R., N.Y.)

Dr. Andrew Stevenson, Committee Staff Member

* Mr. William Taylor, Scandinavian Airlines representative
* Mr. William McVey, Pan American Airways representative

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The Congressmen and Dr. Stevenson are authorized to use counter-part funds to cover their official travel expenses. Dr. Stevenson is authorized to sign receipts for such funds on behalf of the Committee. ~~also possibly exception of travel~~
Air tickets are being purchased in Washington. Posts are requested to make the necessary hotel reservations -- a suite for the Chairman and a single room with bath for each of the other members of the party.

The provisions of the Handbook for Congressional Foreign Travel apply. The group should be met on all arrivals, expedited through customs, and assisted in the arrangement of their program at each post. Appoint Control Officers.

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* Note: With party probably as far as Helsinki. *pg 11*

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The itinerary which follows is considered as firm as far as ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the return plans are indefinite at this time.

Lv Los Angeles	Mon. Sept. 26	12:05 a.m.	SAS 932
Ar Copenhagen	Tues. 27	9:15 am	
Lv Copenhagen	Wed. 28	3:55 p.m.	SAS 551
Ar Amsterdam	Wed. 28	5:55 pm	
Lv Amsterdam	Fri. 30	2:55 pm	SAS 546
Ar Oslo	Fri. 30	7:25 pm	
Lv Oslo	Sun. Oct. 2	8:00 am	SAS 480
Ar Stockholm	Sun. 2	9:35 am	
Lv Stockholm	Thur. 6	9:10 am	SAS 730
Ar Helsinki	Thur. 6	11:30 am	
Lv Helsinki	Fri. 7	3:15 pm	AFL 132
Ar Leningrad	Fri. 7	5:40 pm	
Lv Leningrad	Sat. 8	8:00 pm	Train
Ar Moscow	Sun. 9	9:00 am	
Lv Moscow	Wed. 12	12:10 pm	AFL 321
Ar Kiev	Wed. 12	2:40 pm	
Lv Kiev	Thur. 13	12:25 pm	AFL 307
Ar Odessa	Thur. 13	2:20 pm	
Lv Odessa	Sat. 15	12:40 pm	AFL 125
Ar Bucharest	Sat. 15	2:10 pm	
Lv Bucharest	Mon. 17	7:20 am	Tarom 2101
Ar Budapest	Mon. 17	10:20 am	
Lv Budapest	Tues. 18	11:05 am	CSA 567
Ar Prague	Tues. 18	12:10 pm	
Lv Prague	Thur. 20	12:55 pm	CSA 591
Ar Vienna	Thur. 20	2:05 pm	
Lv Vienna	Sat. 22	12:15 pm	Train
Ar Salzburg	Sat. 22	4:45 pm	
(Proceed Berchtesgarden by military car.)			
Lv Berchtesgarden	Sun. 23	pm	Army car
Ar Munich	Sun. 23	pm	
Lv Munich	THUR Sun. 23	7:30 pm	Via train.
Ar Paris	THUR Mon. 24	8:55 am	THUR

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	Wed.	26		
Lv Paris	XXXX	Oct. 27	12:00 noon	Air France 566
Ar London	XXXX	XX	1:10 pm	
	Sat.	29		
Lv London	XXXX	Oct. 30		By air (Some of the group may wish to remain in London over the weekend.)
Ar New York	Tues.	Nov. 1		

The air tickets as far as Stockholm are being booked through SAS. The Committee has been working with SAS and Intourist in Stockholm on travel reservations from Stockholm through to Vienna, and is also working on the remaining reservations.

The following excerpts from a letter to the Department from Dr. Stevenson of the Committee staff indicate the Committee's interests. It is requested that these suggestions be used in arranging programs for the Committee. Mr. Stevenson writes as follows:

"Inasmuch as the arrival in Copenhagen will be after two nights of flying I do not know whether anything should be put on there right away.

The stop is fairly much tourist only, and for resting, except that we are very much interested in the Danish experience with polio vaccination. We should like to take this up sometime during this too brief stay. I think that one of the sightsseeing boat-bus trips around the city on Wednesday morning would be most attractive, and of course, there might be some derilections the afternoon before who would want to see Kronberg Castle.

"In Amsterdam it is contemplated that Thursday the 29th be spent with the ICAO people and our delegation to the ICAO meeting at The Hague on the amending of the Warsaw convention. I would think it preferable to stay in Amsterdam, however, and make the journey over to The Hague that morning, and back again that night. I trust this would allow some little time for visiting with Ambassador Matthews whom the Committee remembers from its Stockholm visit in 1949. Then the morning of the 30th should be free for seeing a little of Amsterdam.

"The Saturday stop in Oslo is one for visiting only. On arrival in Stockholm Sunday the members undoubtedly will wish to attend church, and that afternoon might be spent in seeing the city, such as the boat ride which tours the islands. In Sweden we wish to see the underground aircraft plant and talk with the aircraft people. That will take one day, as I recall it. Some will wish to discuss the later developments in the Swedish health program, and others perhaps to visit the shale oil plant at Orebro.

"The visit in Helsinki, not only owing to Ambassador McFall, is one where the committee interest is strong in the results of the 1954 polio vaccine test, both then and in 1955."

"In Paris we shall wish to discuss TACAN and VOR-DME with the authorities, which CAA here is taking up. In London we shall wish to discuss jet transport with our people, and with DeHaviland and Vickers, viewing their plants, and also the British polio experience."

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In a letter received later than the above-quoted, Dr. Stevenson stated:

"In Paris we desire to talk on the VOR-DME v. TACAN v. Decca air navigational aids situation, plus French development of prototype aircraft for feeder line use. In London we wish to take up the same, plus jet transport and polio. In addition in London we should like briefing on the proposed common system TV program and the developments in British commercial TV."

The Committee's trip to the EE area will be unofficial. They have obtained their own visas and in doing so indicated that they were traveling in that area as tourists. The Department at present is uninformed as to whether the Committee's arrangements with SAS in Stockholm and Intourist, Stockholm on trip arrangements have included requests for hotel reservations in the capital cities in the EE area. As soon as this is determined those posts concerned will be informed.

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